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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 157

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation opposes this resolution.

The pedestrian flag safety program is more appropriately applied to villages and towns with small populations and rural areas. Hudson Falls Village, New York, as mentioned in this resolution, has a population of 6,927 residents. This program cannot realistically be applied to sites with heavy pedestrian traffic, as the number of flags necessary would not be implementable.

The program would create a monitoring and maintenance problem. Daily inspections and flag replacements would be necessary for each and every pedestrian crossing site. Formalizing this program would create a liability when flags are not available due to theft or other factors.